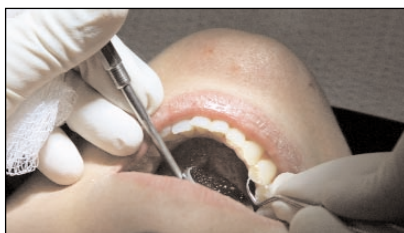




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By Christie Bond
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Twenty people from Peterson Air Force Base took their expertise on the road Feb. 21 to be guest teachers at Mitchell High School.

"Peterson Day" was planned around three school programs: honors endorsement, Junior ROTC and vocational-technical training.

Mitchell High School was chosen because Peterson falls within its boundary lines and Peterson AFB high school-aged students attend Mitchell.

Within the honors endorsement program, there are five areas students may focus on: leadership, fine arts, academics, athletics and technology.

Chief Master Sgt. Ken Zito provided a military perspective for the leadership focus area students.

Graphic artists discussed trends and new technologies with students in the fine arts focus area.

Students in the academic focus area had a choice of two guest presentations: law and aviation.

1st Lt. Matt Michaud from the 84th Airlift Flight discussed various paths people can take to become Air Force pilots and the training they must complete.

A team of two attorneys and two paralegals from 21st Space Wing Legal Office conducted a mock trial in the school's courtroom.

The childhood story character, Goldi Locks, was prosecuted for breaking and entering, larceny, and destruction of private property. The judge and jury consisted of two dozen students who deliberated for almost 30 minutes before returning a verdict of

guilty on all charges and sentencing Goldi Locks to community service and ordering her to pay restitution to Papa Bear for her crimes.

The Aerospace Physiology presentation to the athletic focus group was also interactive.

The students first learned about the effects of gravity and altitude on the human body. Then they had an opportunity to experience spatial disorientation first-hand in the Barany chair.

While spinning around in the Barany chair, students were asked to perform various tasks such as tipping their heads back and focusing on a stationary object to demonstrate the effects of motion on the equilibrium.

Students in the technology focus area got an introduction to web-based applications. They learned about the technologies used by web site developers to provide a personalized experience to individual users.

Graphic design by Senior Airman Josh Clendenen

The 21st Space Wing sponsors the Mitchell High School Air Force Junior ROTC unit, so space topics were the focus of their class.

People from the 21st Operations Group discussed the mission of the 21st Space Wing, space weather and a range of space-related careers.

Students in the automotive skills class got an look at the mechanical workings of a snowplow. Those in the construction skills course learned about the progression and challenges of managing a construction project.

Students who were interested in the presentations will have an opportunity to come to Peterson this spring to see their subject matter applied in the context of everyday Air Force life.

In the past, people from Peterson shared their expertise with area school students on an as-requested basis. Peterson Day was the first coordinated effort to involve Peterson AFB people with one school on a specific day.



Photos by Christie Bond

Students from Mitchell high School watch as a fellow student takes a ride in the Barany Chair. The chair is designed to show the effects of gravity and altitude on the human body.

TOP PHOTO: Master Sgt. John O'Brien, 810th Medical Operations Squadron, shows a student how the Barany Chair works.

Action Line

Pharmacy improvements

Q: Is it possible for the Peterson pharmacy to open at 7 a.m. for active duty members only? They could post a sign stating "active duty in uniform can knock on the side door" and they would give us our prescriptions. That extra time would allow us to get our prescriptions and still report to duty on time. Thanks.

A: I'm happy to respond to this action line and advertise some of the positive changes taking place in our pharmacy in the up-coming days and weeks.

First, the pharmacy at the 810th Medical Operations Squadron supports an "active duty first" policy during all hours of operation.

Active duty personnel in uniform are asked to advance directly to the front of the line. This policy is prominently posted in the pharmacy waiting area.

Secondly, the leadership of our pharmacy section is already considering adopting this suggestion and opening the pick-up window at 7 a.m. for active duty in uniform only.

Lastly, and the process improvement we're most excited about, is the activation of the Q-Matic system.

This automated prioritization system will process active duty requests first. Additionally, Q-Matic makes more efficient use of the existing manpower by providing on-demand prescription filling.

In the past, one technician spent hours each day re-stocking unclaimed prescriptions. As with any new system,



Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler
21st SW commander

there will be growing pains, however, other facilities utilizing this system have noted dramatic reductions in waiting time.

Thank you for your concern. Please provide our patient advocate, Senior Master Sgt. Charles Stine at 556-1072, with some feedback once you've had the opportunity to use the Q-Matic system.

Submitting Action Lines

The Action Line is your direct line to me. If you have any questions, comments or concerns you would like to tell me about, please call or fax the Action Line.

As a reminder, the Action Line is not a replacement for your chain of command. You should always try to resolve any problems at the lowest level possible.

Thank you for your time and effort in helping us improve the Peterson Complex.

To submit a question or comment to the Action Line call 556-7777 or fax your question to 556-7848.

21st Space Wing



GSU At a Glance



Detachment 3, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron
Maui, Hawaii

Unit: Detachment 3, 18th Space Surveillance Squadron

Location: Maui, hawaii

Mission: The 18th Space Surveillance Squadron is responsible for command and control of three Ground-based Electro-Optical Deep Space Surveillance, or GEODSS, located at Detachment 1, Socorro, N.M.; Detachment 2, Diego Garcia, British Indian Ocean Territories; and Detachment 3, Maui, Hawaii.

Besides providing staffing support and quality assurance management to a work force of more than 150 military and contractors at the worldwide detachments, the unit began operating the Optical Command, Control and Communications Facility, or OC3F, in February 2000.

The OC3F is the centralized node for the control of the 18th SPSS optical detachments around the world. The GEODSS and MOSS sites play a vital role in tracking some 2,000 objects in space, all of which are at least 3,000 miles from the Earth's surface.

The site has three telescopes, two mains and an auxiliary. Each main telescope has a 40-inch aperture and a two-degree field of view. The auxiliary has a 15 inch aperture and a six degree field of view. The auxiliary telescope was upgraded to mains in 1997.

News Briefs

CONSTRUCTION - A section of the Officer's Club parking lot will be closed for construction until April 30. A contractor will construct landscaped islands and install new parking lot lights.

The entire south portion of the parking lot will be open for parking. A limited number of parking spaces will be available at the north end of the lot.

Any questions or concerns should be addressed to Master Sgt. Michael Funicelli at 556-1634.

GOLF COURSE GRILL CLOSURE - The 19th Hole Grill at the Silver Spruce Golf Course will be closed for renovation Monday through April 19.

A contractor will install a new heating, ventilat-

ing and air-conditioning system, repair the roof and install a new ceiling.

For more information on the closure call Richard Amaya at 556-7204.

SUMMER HIRE PROGRAM - The Student Summer Hire Program will be June 3 - Aug. 23.

Supervisors and managers should submit their summer hire needs to the 21st Mission Support Squadron.

Students who wish to apply must be 16 years old by June 3, and have submitted a resume' between March 11 and 22.

For more information on the program, call

Nancy Nowacki at 556-6188.

CORRECTION - In the Feb. 22 edition of the *Space Observer*, there was an error on the FYI page. In the Community Notes section, it said the Commissary will be open Monday, 2-6 p.m. The Commissary was open from 2-6 p.m., however, it was only open for a case lot sale. in the future, the Commissary will not be open on Mondays.

■ On the promotion lists, Lt. Col. Steven E. Armstrong and Lt. Col. Jeffery P. Harrell were listed as being a part of U.S. Space Command. They are actually a part of NORAD.

We apologize for any confusion.



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News

Gospel Extravaganza celebrates black heritage

By Tech. Sgt. Gino Mattorano
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Nearly 350 people attended the Gospel Extravaganza hosted by Peterson's Black Heritage Committee and the Peterson Chapel Sunday.

The theme of the gospel celebration was "Remembering the past, while building the future - one heart, one voice, one song."

"The whole idea behind Black Heritage Month is looking back at the trails and the struggles of the past, and how they allow us to be where we are today," said Maj. Jeffrey Cox, Gospel Extravaganza committee chairman. "But we didn't want to stop there. We want to look to the future,

and for this particular event, we wanted to focus on our faith. We don't overcome through our own abilities, but through our faith in God."

Elaine Ramos, the Woodmen Valley Chapel choir director, was mistress of ceremonies for the event.

"She was a 12-year-old girl when she marched to the nation's capitol with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in Washington," said Cox. "She actually witnessed the 'I Have A Dream' speech. The anthem for that event was 'We Will Overcome.' We took that message one step further - we can't overcome with our own skills, but through faith in God.

A variety of choirs and performers around the city took part in the extravaganza.

The event kicked off with the Peterson Chapel Worship Team leading the crowd in song.

The Emmanuel Missionary Baptist church; the Prussman Chapel Group from Fort Carson; and the Payne Chapel gave performances. Ecclesiastes of Praise, a dance group, also performed.

Toni Henry, a soloist, and Sidney Adams, a trumpet soloist performed the National Anthem.

The final performance was a mass choir made up of people from all across the Colorado Springs community, directed by Elaine Ramos.

Proceeds raised went to the Black Heritage Scholarship, which will go to eligible high school seniors in an awards banquet March 8.



Photos by Rob Bussard

ABOVE: David Sharpe, choir director from Emmanuel Missionary Baptist Church sings during a choir performance.

LEFT: Nearly 350 people attended Peterson's Gospel Extravaganza.

Orientation flights bring Academy cadets to Peterson

By Tech. Sgt. Michael Phillips
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

With the academic rigors and unending military training, life as an Air Force Academy cadet can be a huge undertaking.

Air Force Academy students visited Peterson Saturday and Sunday to participate in Operation Pegasus, a program designed to give cadets a meaningful exposure to the operational Air Force through orientation rides and increased interaction with the flying community.

Operation Pegasus serves to motivate those cadets who are qualified to actually get airtime, and for those who aren't flight qualified to better understand and appreciate the rated community.

Orientation flights were given in four T-6 Texan aircraft flown in from Randolph AFB, Texas.

Months in advance, members of the 34th Operations Support Squadron and the 34th Training Group at the academy coordinate to determine dates for the orientation flights, based on the academy's master training and cadet wing schedules.

The 34th OSS coordinates aircraft availability and provides the 34th TRG with information on available aircraft, along with any special constraints.

After the sortie dates are confirmed, the 34th TRG matches eligible cadets to aircraft, and sends the names to the OSS for approval.

Volunteer cadets from the top three academy classes are considered for the orientation program. Eligibility criteria include medical screenings, attendance verification and possession of a current altitude chamber certification.



Photo by Staff Sgt. Melanie Epperson

Lights out

A Ford Bronco knocked over a light pole on the corner of Stewart Avenue and Otis Street Tuesday when it was struck by another vehicle. A 21st Security Forces Squadron report cited that the other vehicle failed to yield because the driver's vision was obstructed by ice on the car's windows. No one was seriously injured in the accident. Security forces personnel caution drivers to ensure their view is free from obstruction, especially during the winter season.

Guardian Challenge auction

By Staff Sgt.
Melanie Epperson
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

Team 21, the private organization that funds wing competitors, is sponsoring the first Guardian Challenge Auction Saturday, 6 -10 p.m. at the enlisted club.

“This auction is expected to be one of the biggest fundraisers for Team 21,” said Capt. Guin Leeder, project officer for the auction.

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a Santa Maria barbecue, the traditional barbecue served for Guardian Challenge at Vandenberg Air Force Base, Calif.

The meal costs \$7, and people need to RSVP to Capt. Jeff Leeder at 556-1804 as soon as possible if they want to eat, she said.

However, people don’t have to eat to enjoy the experience of an auction.

“The items up for bid will also be available for viewing at 6 p.m., and the auction will start at around 7 p.m.,” she explained. “You can walk around and pick the things you’d like to bid on or just see what’s there.”

According to Leeder,

the wing’s geographically separated units donated items specific to their areas.

“For example, Detachment 2 (21st Operations Group) at Misawa Air Base in Japan donated Japanese rice bowls,” she said.

At around 6:40 p.m., the master of ceremonies, Lt. Col. John Raymond, will announce the rules for the auction, and at 7 p.m. a professional auctioneer will start the bidding for the first item.

“At past bases, the auction has been the social event of the season,” said Col. Charles Bateman. “It gives us a chance to have lots of fun and watch people in a bidding frenzy over things they want.”

He added that the main reason is to support our team.

“Our competitors at Guardian Challenge represent Team 21,” Bateman said. “It’s like our Olympics. They’re going for the gold, and they need our support.”

The proceeds of Saturday’s auction will go to support the 21st Space Wing Guardian Challenge team.

News

Techs provide dental assistance

By Maj. Scott Malthaner
810th Dental Squadron

Dental Assistant Recognition Week is March 18-22 and the Peterson Dental Flight wants to make sure dental assistants know what valuable members of the dental team they are.

Dental assistants are core members of the dental care team, primarily assisting the dentist in treatment procedures.

“Our dental technicians have been extremely busy lately,” said Master Sgt. Allen Garcia, Noncommissioned officer in charge of the Peterson Dental Flight. “Despite several deployments, we are still maintaining production, quality and wing personnel readiness. Our technicians are really doing an outstanding job. This is the best staff I’ve worked with in 19 years of service.”

Peterson’s Dental Clinic maintains dental treatment facilities at Peterson, Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station, and Shriever Air Force Base.

The duties of the dental assistant are among the most varied and comprehensive in the dental office, employing a combination of technical, administrative, and interpersonal skills, which offers continual variety and challenge.

Assistants greatly increase the efficiency of the dentist in the delivery of quality oral health care and are valuable members of the dental readiness team.

In addition to assisting chairside, duties may include taking and developing dental x-rays, serving as an infection control noncommissioned officer in charge, helping develop infection control protocol, sterilizing instruments and equipment, taking a patient’s med-



Photo by Senior Airman Josh Clendenen

Dental assistants are core members of the dental care team, primarily assisting the dentist in treatment procedures. Assistants increase the efficiency of dental care.

ical history, blood pressure and pulse and helping them feel comfortable throughout their dental visit.

Dental assistants provide patients with instructions for oral care following surgery or other dental treatment procedures, such as the placement of a filling.

They provide teeth cleaning and instruct patients on the proper ways to brush and floss their teeth.

While military dental assistants often begin their careers in technical school, a dentist completes most of their training on the job. However, college education is encouraged.

The Commission on Dental Accreditation of the American Dental Association accredits approximately 250 dental assisting education programs across the United States.

Certification in dental assisting can be obtained by passing a national exam, and state regulations vary as to registration and licensure.

Unit News

Kehler attends Clear Dining Out

By 2Lt Mike J. Tkacz
13th Space Warning Squadron

February 14th was a special day at Clear Air Force Station. Not only was it Valentine's Day, the remote outpost welcomed its wing commander, Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler for a visit during the squadron's annual Dining Out.

The wing commander was accompanied by Wing Command Chief Master Sgt. Fred Schoettler and the career assistance advisor, Master Sgt. Laura Velasquez.

Lt. Col. Kirk Dickenson, 13th Space Warning Squadron commander, Master Sgt. Russ Hastings, 13th SWS first sergeant and Master Sgt. Duane Buchi were on hand at Fairbanks International Airport to greet them upon their afternoon arrival.

Kehler was the guest speaker for the squadron's eagerly anticipated dining out on February 15.

The function was organized and funded by the 13th SWS Company Grade Officers Council, with help from the unit Top 4 and Junior Enlisted Council.

More than 100 attendees listened as the general spoke about true heroes, fundamental core values, and touched on the future of Air Force Space Command.



Courtesy photo

Security forces members from the 13th Space Warning Squadron give Brig. Gen. Bob Kehler, 21st Space Wing commander, the "grand tour" by snowmobile.

For some, this year's dining out was a first-time experience. "I thought the dining out was extremely well coordinated, organized, and definitely a lot of fun," said 2nd Lt. Jeremy Nutz.

Mess members were particularly impressed with the head table's enthusiastic participation during grog activities. It was a two-way street as the head table sent people to the grog and were themselves added to the grog's list of victims.

Although their visit was brief, 212 SW leadership also received a tour of Clear Air Force Station. They met the team members that comprise the 13 SWS family during the

unit's Safety Day briefing, CGOC luncheon, and enlisted call.

By visiting the various work centers, they saw first hand how the diverse members of Clear AFS--military, civilian DoD, and contractor personnel--enable the 13 SWS to perform its missile warning and space surveillance mission.

However, no tour would be complete without experiencing the crisp, cold outdoors of Alaska. Therefore, Clear AFS security forces ensured Kehler and his party also received a cop's-eye-view of the vast Arctic wilderness as they conducted a snowmobile tour of the site.



Courtesy photo

Thule welcomes sun back to frozen tundra

By Capt. Sarah Geiger
12th Space Warning Squadron executive officer

The 12th Space Warning Squadron at Thule Air Base, Greenland welcomed the return of the sun in a ceremony Feb. 22.

The base has been in darkness for the last several months, due to its proximity to the arctic circle.

Lt. Col. Scott Shepherd, 12th SWS director of operations, provided opening remarks to the crowd gathered outside the 12th SWS headquarters building.

Squadron leadership toasted the event before the Christmas tree lights were extinguished for the remainder of the light season.

After the ceremony, attendees moved to the recreation center for cookies, cafe mochas and socializing after the traditional sunrise event.

GSU Briefs

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Around the Air Force

Medical team evacuates sick soldiers from Uzbekistan

By Master Sgt.
Louis A. Arana-Barradas
[Air Force Print News](#)

INCIRLIK AIR BASE, Turkey — A team of Air Force medics flew to Uzbekistan Feb. 25 to evacuate two soldiers suffering from ailments their doctor describes as not life threatening.

One soldier has a blood clot in his leg, (Dr.) Maj. John Marshall said. The other is suffering from an eye infection. He said both are in stable condition at the hospital at this base near Adana.

The request for an evacuation flight for the soldiers came late Feb. 24. A six-member aeromedical evacuation team took off aboard a C-17 Globemaster III to pick up the patients at Karshi Khanabad, Uzbekistan.

The soldier with the blood clot came from Mazar-e Sharif, Afghanistan. He was serving with Army special forces in the northern part of the country. The other soldier was on duty at Karshi Khanabad.

Marshall’s specialty is emergency medicine. He is deployed from Wilford Hall Medical Center at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas. Once aboard the C-17, he examined both patients.

“Neither soldier needed medication or acute treatment,” Marshall said. “They

were stable — not in any kind of danger. But we monitored them during the whole flight.”

The special forces troop — named Nick — appreciated the quick response and personal care.

“The medics took good care of me,” Nick said. “But it sucked being strapped to a stretcher for so long.” Because of his ailment, Nick will go home. “And I’m glad,” he said.

The mission lasted more than 10 hours and ended on a good note. It was a routine job for the medics of Incirlik’s 43rd Expeditionary Aeromedical Evacuation Squadron.

But there have been times when these medics — stationed both here and at Seeb North Air Base, Oman — have had to deal with injured troops.

So far during Operation Enduring Freedom, they have also provided critical en route care to soldiers injured by mines and a stray bomb and in helicopter and forklift accidents.

Air Force doctors, nurses, medical technicians and administrators have been on the job here for about 140 days. Their job is to get the sick and wounded from the front lines of the war on terrorism to better care at rear area hospitals.

Deploying medical teams

close to the fight has been a long-standing military practice. With the advent of aeromedical evacuation, injured troops are that much closer to first-class medical care.

The team that went to Uzbekistan had two three-member cells. One included a flight nurse and two aeromedical evacuation technicians. Their job is to ensure the aircraft is configured to accept patients and, if needed, to help the other team.

The second cell was the critical care air transport team. It had a critical care physician, nurse and respiratory therapist. The team provides patients critical care in the air.

Providing that critical care during an evacuation ensures a continuity of excellent medical care, said Lt. Col. (Dr.) James Henderson. A pulmonologist from Wilford Hall, he leads one of the three critical care air transport teams here.

“It’s the main reason we’re here,” he said.

Historically, there were always “huge gaps in medical care during the transport stages,” Henderson said.

After getting good initial care, there were letdowns along the route from the front lines to the hospital.

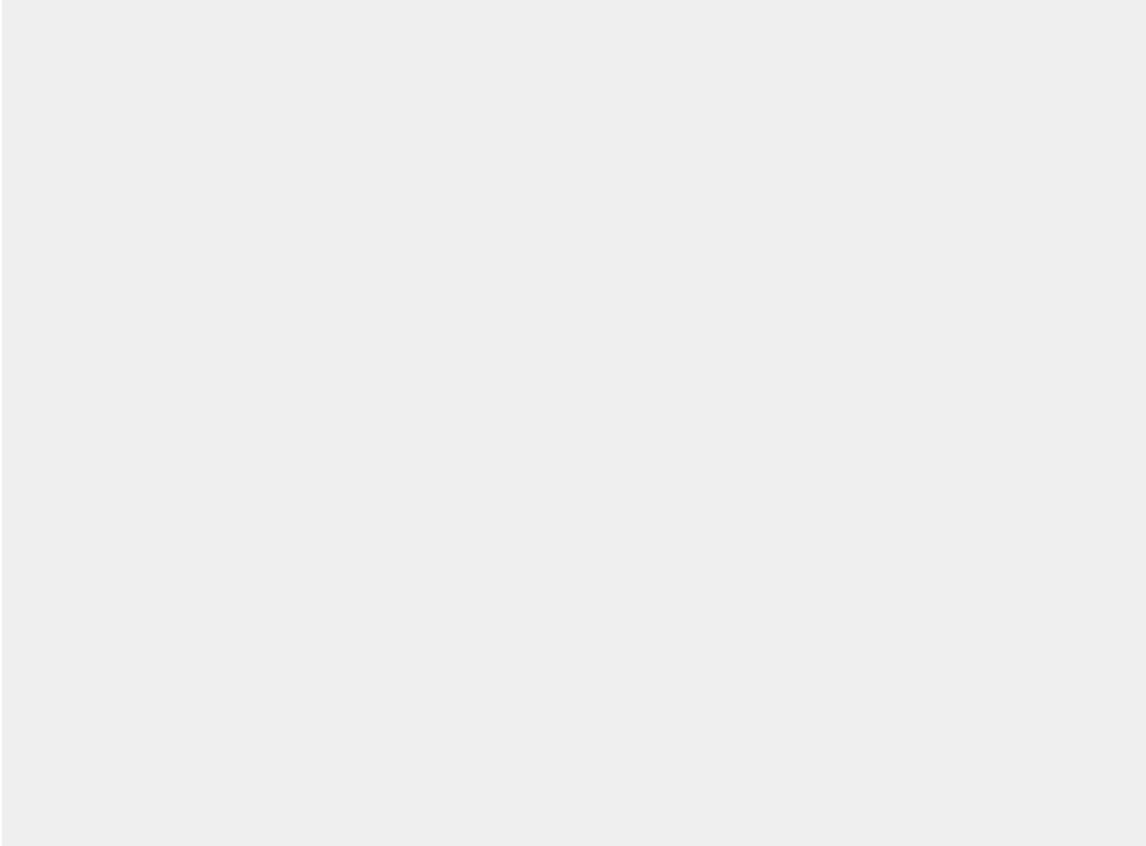
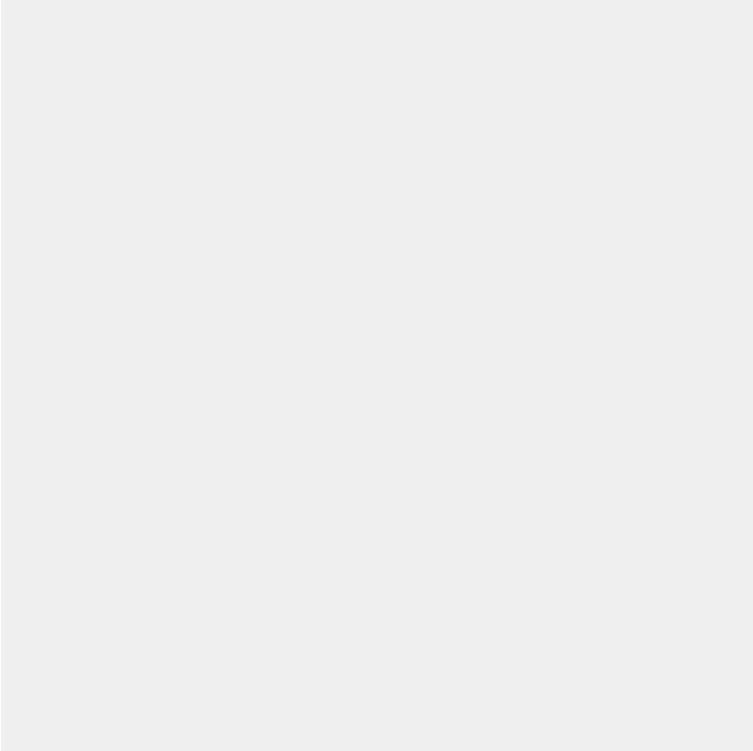
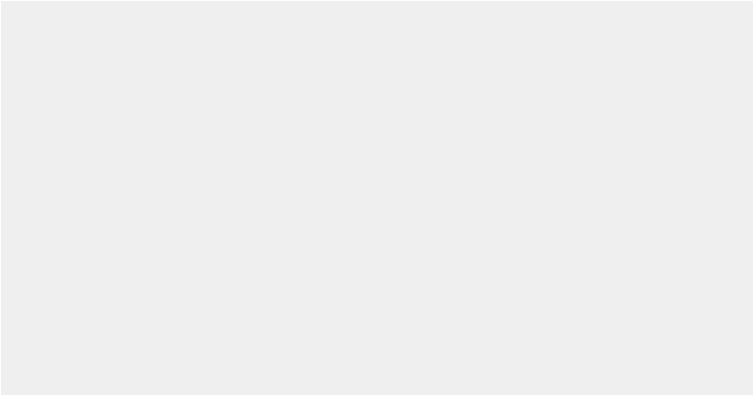
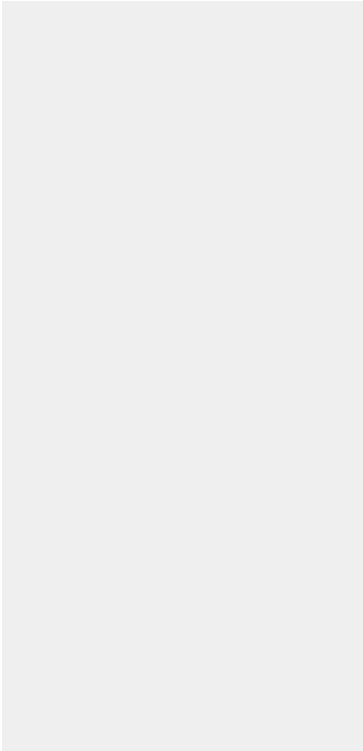
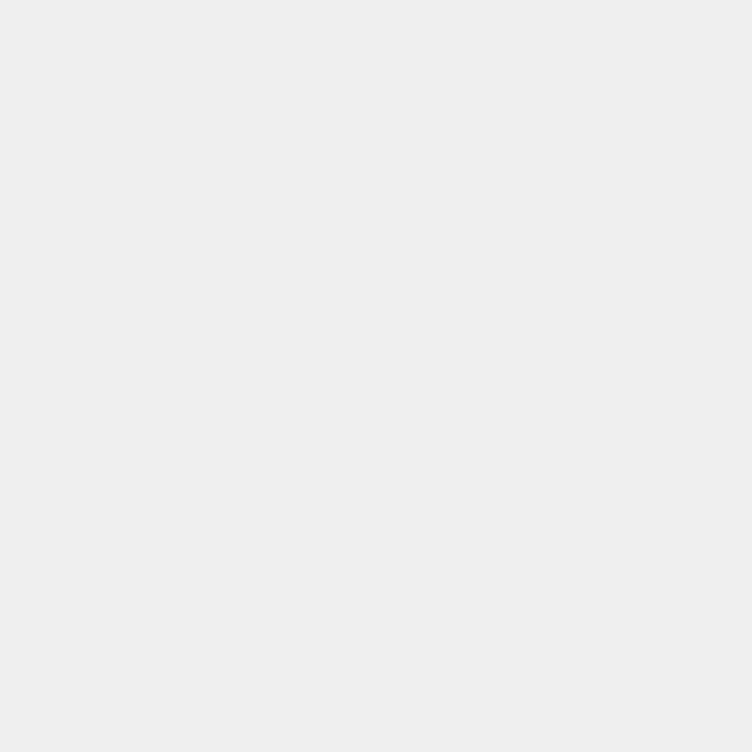
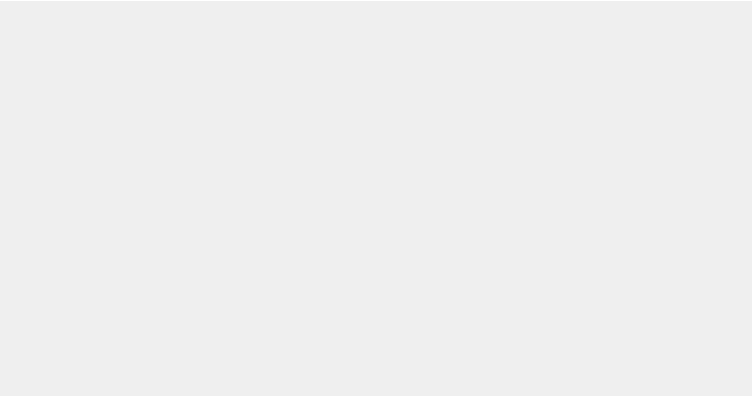
“Aeromedical evacuation teams didn’t have the means to respond or take care of critically ill patients. But the Air Force wanted to sustain, or improve, the care patients received — all the way to a rear echelon hospital,” Henderson said.

The critical care air transport team bridged that gap, he said.

The line of care starts on the battlefield, said Col. (Dr.) Marshall Wong. An anesthesiologist from Wilford Hall, he is in charge of all the critical care air transport teams here.

The teams are just one cog in the wheel of medical care available to forces taking part in Operation Enduring Freedom, Wong said.

“Our troops are getting the best medical treatment available anywhere,” Wong said. “They shouldn’t expect any less.”



Today

- Bone marrow donor drive, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., in the atrium just inside the doors of Building 1. Security badges not required.
- Noncommissioned Officer promotion recognition and induction ceremony, 3:30 p.m., at the enlisted club.

Monday

- Mothers on the Move, 9:30-10:30 a.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at the Family Advocacy Center.
- Assertive communication, 2:30-4 p.m., at the base library.

Tuesday

- Sponsorship training, 7:30-8:30 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Resume review class, 9-11 a.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Headquarters, U.S. Air Force Career Status Bonus/REDUX briefing, 1-4 p.m., at the Family Support Center.

Wednesday



Courtesy photo

Keep your chin up!

Instructor Bryan Clark helps a student during swim lessons at the Peterson Air Force Base Aquatics Center. The aquatics center will be closed March 8-24 for pool liner repairs, but if repairs go as planned, school-aged kids can register for swim lessons scheduled for March 25-28. The lessons are for all skill levels and will be offered at 8, 9 and 10 a.m. each day. Cost is \$10 with an annual pass and \$15 without. For more information, call the aquatics center at 556-4608.

- Story time for kids, Wednesdays, at the base library.
- Oriental food buffet, 5-7 p.m., at the enlisted club.

Thursday

- Play group, 10:30-noon, at the base chapel.
- Job orientation, 1-2 p.m., at the Family Support Center.
- Stepping together, 2:30-4 p.m., at the base library.

Helpful Numbers

- Family Advocacy Center 556-8943
- Education Center 556-4064
- Library 556-7462
- Community Center 556-7671
- Aquatics Center 556-4608
- Fitness Center 556-4462
- Officers' Club 556-4181
- Enlisted Club 556-4194
- Youth Center 556-7220
- Family Support Center 556-6141
- Chapel 556-4442
- Red Cross 556-7590

Community Notes

Community News

SCHOLARSHIP BANQUET - The Peterson Air Force Base Black Heritage Committee sponsors the annual Black History Month Scholarship Banquet today, 6 p.m., at the enlisted club. Tickets are \$18, and they can be purchased from Angie Fields, 556-9264, and Capt. James Roby, 556-7819. Dr. Ron Wynn, chief of staff, District 11 schools, is the keynote speaker.

For more information, call Maj. Janice Gordon, 554-5365 or Joyce Harrison, 556-2001.

MILITARY LIAISON TEAMS - The Air Force Personnel Center is looking for active duty captains and majors to volunteer for military liaison teams in Georgia, Moldova and the Ukraine.

For more information, contact the military personnel flight.

PIKES PEAK MILITARY FAMILY COOKBOOK - The Peterson Air Force Base Officers' Wives Club is creating a cookbook to include all military families in the Pikes Peak region. To submit a recipe, follow the guidelines below.

- All recipes must be neatly handwritten or typed.
- One recipe per page.
- Clearly state the title of your recipe.
- Include your name, military affiliation and phone number.
- List all ingredients, then the directions.

Submissions may be made by e-mailing Linh Narum at lnarum@msn.com or mailing Linh Narum, c/o Peterson Officers' Wives' Club, P.O. Box 14066, Peterson AFB, CO.

For more information, call Narum at 591-7010.

GOLF COURSE - The kitchen area of the golf course's 19th Hole Grill will

be closed for renovation until April 19. For more information, call 556-7233.

CIVILIAN PERSONNEL DATA SYSTEM - The Air Force-wide conversion to CIVMOD continues until March 15. During the conversion the Human Resources flight will not be able to update civilian training completion, educational information, occupational certifications or awards and decorations information.

TRAILERS - Mountain Home Air Force Base has trailers available for rent at Yellowstone National Park.

For more information, call Mark Lothrop, outdoor recreation manager at DSN 728-6333 or commercial (208) 828-6333.

RED CROSS CLASSES - The American Red Cross will offer a number of classes throughout March

The classes and fees are as follows:

- Adult CPR, March 12, 6-9:30 p.m. There is a \$35 fee.
- First-aid, March 14, 6-9:30 p.m. There is a \$30 fee.
- Babysitter training for youth ages 11-15, March 16 and 23, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. There is a \$30 fee.
- Child and infant CPR, March 20, 6-10 p.m. There is a \$35 fee.

For details, call 556-7590.

Community Activities Center

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES CENTER CLASSES - The Community Activities Center will offer a scrapbooking class, Wednesday, 5-7 p.m. There is a \$10 fee for the class and supplies. Bring 6-12 photos.

For more information, call 556-1732.

Education Center

AIR FORCE TUITION ASSISTANCE - The Education Center will no longer

provide Air Force Tuition Assistance to other branches of the military.

For more information, call 556-4064.

AIR FORCE AID EDUCATION GRANT - The General Henry H. Arnold Education Grant Program awards \$1,500 grants to sons and daughters of active duty, retired or deceased Air Force members, retired reservists over age 60, and Title 10 reservists on extended active duty.

Spouses are also eligible if the sponsor is assigned to the continental United States.

Applications are available at the Family Support Center or for download at <http://www.afas.org>.

FEDERAL EMPLOYEES EDUCATION AND ASSISTANCE FUND SCHOLARSHIP - Federal employees and family members who are interested in applying for the Federal Employees Education and Assistance Fund Scholarships may apply through March 29.

For an application, send a self-addressed, stamped, number 10 business envelope to FEEA Scholarships, Suite 200, 8441 W. Bowles Avenue, Littleton, CO, 80123-9501.

OPERATION BOOTSTRAP - The Air Force Bootstrap program is now replaced by the Air Force Education Leave of Absence Policy. There are several changes to the program. Those already enrolled or approved will not be affected by the changes.

For more information, call the base education center at 556-4064.

TROOPS TO TEACHERS - The Troops to Teachers Program is designed to help service members get involved in the teaching profession after their military career. A representative will be at the base education center Wednesday, 1-3 p.m.

For an appointment, call Bob Leonard at 262-4161.

Peterson Air Force Base Chapel Schedule
Protestant Services

Liturgical Worship
8:15 a.m.

Traditional Sunday
Worship 11 a.m.
Gospel Services
12:30 p.m.

Sunday School
9:45 a.m.
Catholic Services

Mass
Weekdays
11:35 a.m.
Saturdays 5 p.m.
Sundays 9:30 a.m.
Reconciliation
Saturdays 4 p.m.

Religious Education
Adult and pre K-12th grade Sundays
8:30 a.m.

SnoFest!!!!



Fun for all ages

By 1st Lt. Virgil Magee
Air Force Space Command Public Affairs

The U.S. military invaded a small mountain resort village Feb. 22-24 during SnoFest '02. Their weapons: skis and snowboards. Their mission: fun. Nearly 4,000 servicemembers, retirees, Department of Defense civilians and family members - many from the Colorado and Wyoming area -- swamped Keystone Resort, 90 minutes west of Denver, for a weekend of snow-filled fun, parties and competition. It was all part of the 12th Annual SnoFest, a festive excursion co-sponsored by Air Force Space Command and the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Airmen, soldiers, sailors and Marines, hailing from more than a dozen installations, joined families and friends to take part in the ski weekend, intended to give military families an opportunity to discover the Colorado outdoors.

"Our people are coming up here to have a good time and that's just what we're going to give them," said Col. Dave Estill, AFSPC director of services.

With the cool mountain air rolling across the slopes and sunshine above, Keystone gave skiers of all skill levels a chance to show their moves on the snow. While some enjoyed the powder on the slopes, others simply enjoyed the atmosphere of the many lodges and shops.



The cardboard box derby featured a number of designs. This aircraft carrier was just one of the unique entries.

The festivities kicked off Feb. 22 with the Commander's Cup Ski Challenge, which was quickly followed by leisure skiing, snowboarding, tubing and ski races, and parties both evenings.

The pinnacle of the fest was the cardboard derby the following day. Participants tested their own makeshift snow vehicles built from nothing more than rope, paint, tape and cardboard. Some of the racers went down the slope in simple boxes while others created engineering marvels such as fighter jets, racecars and aircraft carriers. Awards were given out for the most-creative, best-engineered, closest-to-target and best-of-show.

Activities for non-skiers included outlet mall shopping, tours, snowmobiling, sleigh rides, snowshoeing, tubing, ice skating and swimming or simply relaxing in a hot tub.

Teens gathered Feb. 22 at the Breckenridge Recreation Center for an overnighter which included swimming, dancing, basketball, volleyball and the crowning of the SnoFest king and queen. Additionally, party clowns, a caricature artist, and mind readers entertained younger partygoers.

Each evening, SnoFest guests gathered for parties at the Keystone Convention Center where revelers traded tales of the slopes.

Both evenings were capped off with live entertainment from the Air Force Band of the Rockies' Blue Steel combo. The first party was called the "Wild Blue West Party" followed the second night by "Parti Gras."



Photos by Tech. Sgt. Alex Lloyd

For some, the SnoFest!!! races didn't turn out quite as planned.



The skiers and racers that attended SnoFest!!! had quite a view from the ski lift.

21st Space Wing Annual Award winners

By Senior Airman Josh Clendenen
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

The 21st Space Wing is filled with people who go beyond the call of duty day in and day out. One of the ways the wing is able to recognize those people is through the annual awards program. The following list is just a small example of this. All of these winners won at the 14th Air Force level or above.

21st Civil Engineer Squadron

- Air Force Space Command Military Superintendent of the Year
 - Master Sgt. Barner
- Air Force Space Command-level Bernt Balchen/Post Award for Snow Removal
- 2001 Space Command Civilian Fire Fighter of the Year
 - Mr. Dave Herman
- United States Air Force Merit Award for Concept Design
 - NORAD/US Space/Army Space Buildings

21st Services Squadron

- Fitness Center--Best in the Air Force
- Air Force Space Command Innkeeper Award
- Air Force Innkeeper Traveler Award
 - Staff Sgt. Jesuita Hicks
- Air Force Space Command Hennessey Traveler Award
 - Tech. Sgt. Deanna Buersken

21st Logistics Squadron

- Air Force Space Command Supply Effectiveness Award
 - 21st Logistics Support Squadron Supply Flight
- Air Force Space Command Outstanding Contracting Unit (Specialized)
 - 21st Contracting Squadron

21st Operations Group

- Air Force Space Command Logistician of the Year Award
- Civilian Category
 - Thomas Decius, 4th Space Surveillance Squadron
- Space Instructor/Evaluator of the Year
- Officer Category 1
 - Capt. Paul Lips, 1st Space Control Squadron
- Officer, Category 2
 - Capt Dennis Stocker, 1st Space Control Squadron
- Enlisted, Category 1

- Senior Airman Charlie Pena, 2nd Space Warning Squadron
- Enlisted, Category 2
 - Staff Sgt. Brian Sorrell, 20th Space Sueveillance Squadron
- 14th Air Force Gen. Seth J. McKee Award
 - 7th Space Warning Squadron
- Air Force Space Command Military Deception Awards
- Company Grade Officer
 - Capt. Jeffrey Leeder, 21st Operations Support Squadron
- Noncommissioned Officer
 - Staff Sgt. Charles Howard, 21st Operations Support Squadron

21st Space Wing Public Affairs

- Air Force Space Command Newspaper Awards
- Category F. News Article,
 - Third Place - Senior Airman Shane Sharp
- Category H. Commentary,
 - First Place - Master Sgt. D.K. Grant
 - Third Place - Senior Airman Josh Clendenen
- Category I. Sports,
 - Third Place - Senior Airman Shane Sharp
- Category J. Series of Articles,
 - Second Place - Master Sgt. D.K. Grant
- Category L. Photojournalism,
 - Second Place - Senior Airman Shane Sharp
- Category M. Art Graphics,
 - First Place - Senior Airman Shane Sharp
- Air Force Space Command Public Affairs Airman of the Year
 - Senior Airman Shane Sharp
- Air Force Space Command Community Relations Program of the Year
 - Christie Bond

21st Space Wing Manpower

- Air Force Space Command Manpower and organization Awards for professional excellence
- Civilian (GS12 and Above)
 - Dave Duke

21st Comptroller Squadron

- NAF Analyst (Installation) of the Year
 - Richard Dubose
- Air Force Special Acts and Services
 - 21st Comptroller Squadron, Financial Management

Star Performer: Staff Sgt. Dale E. Campbell II

Unit: 21st Security Forces Squadron
Hometown: Cairbou, Maine
Time In Service: 9 years, 6 months
Staff Sgt. Dale Campbell has been assigned to the 21st Security Forces Squadron since July 1998. After arriving here from Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea where he was assigned to the 8th SFS.

As the security forces trainer he provides all incoming personnel required information necessary to transition into the Peterson security forces' family. He conducts and maintains documentation of all recurring and specialized training for the unit's security forces members and augmentees.

He teaches classes on ground combat skills, verbal judo, all-terrain vehicle operator's course, self-aid buddy care, law of armed conflict, and use of force training.

As a trainer and operator of the intricate Firearms Training Simulator and Squad Engagement Targeting System, he provides realistic and practical firearms training scenarios without the costs or risks associated with live fire.

Campbell ensures all security forces members are skilled on weapons proficiency and accuracy.

He also accomplishes duties as the unit security manager, processing all unit restricted area badge requests and security clearance updates and then monitors squadron members' compliance.

Additionally, Campbell is a member of the Base Emergency Response Force which requires large amounts of off-duty training to maintain the teams' professional skills. He enjoys challenging himself with the preparation in this highly critical position, and has been selected as one of the teams' leaders.

His support helped the team provide flawless security for more than 30 distinguished visitors at many locations on base during Airman Talks South 2001.

His role on the bike patrol enhances base security allowing him to utilize unique policing concepts and further his physical fitness.

He is an active and dedicated member in the community and his church. From volunteering off-duty time to teach local girl scouts bicycle safety and law classes to working the "Housing Pumpkin Patrol," his actions directly impact the on and off-base community. Additionally, he spear-



Courtesy photo

Staff Sgt. Dale E. Campbell II, 21st Security Forces Squadron, works as a trainer for all new personnel and security forces augmentees.

headed several fund raisers for local charities including one which raised more than \$420 to re-roof houses for needy families.

As an assistant youth leader and sunday school teacher for teenagers at his church, he imparts by example good morals and values on young adults during a critical stage in their

lives. Campbell is not only a community participant, but a professional who exemplifies what the security forces career field represents.

He is actively working toward an associates degree in criminal justice through the Community College of the Air Force.

Commentary

The Silent Heroes--military spouses

By Master Sgt. D.J. Brown
21st Security Forces Squadron

The attack on Sept. 11 has definitely changed the way we look at our world in terms of responsibilities and security.

As our world stopped breathing for a moment, because of a few cowardly attacks on American soil, the people of America rose to the occasion and united to defend our country. The memories of that day, when police and fire fighters rushed to aid the victims without regard for personal safety, remind us of the definition of a true hero.

Yet the story continues. We heard of ordinary citizens who stepped up to the plate and foiled attempts of criminals that tried to instill fear in our nation.

Americans from all walks of life led the way, demonstrating honor and integrity in the face of danger. As our commander in chief responded to defend our nation by mobilizing our armed forces and recalling hundreds of reservists back to active duty, there were silent heroes in the background.

Let's take this opportunity to say a few words to honor them. Those silent heroes are the spouses of the

men and women who defend our way of life.

From the police and fire fighters who died Sept. 11, to the armed forces members deployed to combat terrorism, our spouses have been placed in position of handling family and finances, and maintaining a home without the help of husbands or wives.

Overnight, they became single parents, allowing spouses to answer the call to protect and uphold our nation's way of life.

As we continue the war on terrorism, let's not forget those silent heroes at home; the ones who keep the home fires burning, who understand the risk associated with serving; the encouragers who while all is not perfect at home, tell us everything will be fine.

In my 20 year military career, I have been told that some of our greatest leaders had very supportive spouses to guide them through difficult times, offering words of advice and encouragement.

In his State of the Union address, President George W. Bush said, "My strongest supporter and ally has been the first lady, Laura Bush."

At the recent Order of The Sword Ceremony, Gen. Ed Eberhart said his best friend of 34 years was his wife.



Photo by Timmins Press

Darlene Racicot of South Porcupine, Ontario Canada, created this ice sculpture of an angel comforting a Sept. 11 firefighter.

As we push forward to win the war on terrorism, it will take the combined effort of everyone, from the police and fire fighters protecting our homeland to our armed forces service members on the front lines.

In a conversation I had with a colonel over dinner he said, "You know D.J., after all of this is over they will have awards ceremonies to honor

our service members for a job well done. We will have ceremonies to honor the heroes that gave their lives to defend our nation's freedom. We will hand out medals and praise all the people who responded to the call for duty, but I would gladly give all that recognition to my spouse because she is the one, in my eyes, that paid the ultimate sacrifice."

AFMC slides by HQAFSPC/CE

By 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews
21st Space Wing Public Affairs

March madness started early this year when the Peterson men’s over 30 basketball playoff tournament kicked off Wednesday.

The first game featured the first round match-up of Air Force Materiel Command taking on Headquarters Air Force

Space Command Civil Engineer Directorate.
AFMC jumped out to a 10-point lead early with some fast break scoring, solid offensive rebounding, and good team defense.
HQAFSPC/CE brought their game to the next level and answered the call in the second half.
They made the game

close with the inside presence of Bill Bagby pounding the boards and playing solid offense. Gordy Janiec, 3-point sniper, provided much needed points late in the game.
In the end AFMC closed the door final of 53 to 43.
John Shepard and Gordy Janiec were the leading scorers with 17 and 13 points respectively.



Photo by 2nd Lt. Mike Andrews

AFMC, in yellow, took the first playoff game againsts HQAF-SPC/CE. The final was 53-43.

Sports Shorts

Air Force forms 303 due - The Air Force forms 303 for Tae Kwon Do are due today.

■ The AF forms 303 for women’s basketball are due Monday.

Intramural Volleyball - Volleyball starts March 11. Monday and Wednesday competitive league will be 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; and Tuesday and Thursday recreation league will be 11 a.m.- 2 p.m.

Evening recreation and competitive leagues play Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-9 p.m.

Golf coaches meeting - The intramural golf coaches meeting is March 20 at Silver Spruce Golf Course club house.

For more information call 556-7414.

CMAFS 5K fun run - A 5K fun run is set for March 8, 2 p.m. at Cheyenne Mountain Air Force Station.



Ring of Fame nominations -

Nominations for the Peterson Ring of Fame are being accepted at the fitness center.

The Ring of Fame honors Peterson Complex athletes. The deadline for submissions is Aug. 1.

For more information, call Ernie Martin at 556-7092.

Youth karate - Youth karate is every Tuesday and Thursday at the Fitness Center in Court 2.

Youth sports coaches - The youth sports department is looking for coaches for sports such as soccer and baseball.

For more information, call the youth center at 556-7220.

Personal trainers - The Fitness Center has personal trainers available.